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MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES OVER \$4 MILLION FOR MARYLAND'S COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

Over \$4 million will help Maryland's local governments reduce their energy consumption.

Annapolis, Maryland (May 31, 2013) — Today, the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) announced over \$4 million dollars in grant funding to nine Maryland counties, including Baltimore City, and twenty-six municipalities for the Maryland Smart Energy Communities Program. This brand new program targets county, city, and local governments and seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by promoting energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy innovation, and petroleum reduction.

"These communities are taking charge of their clean energy future while saving energy and money," said Abigail Ross Hopper, Acting Director of the Maryland Energy Administration. "Creating a cleaner, greener Maryland begins at the local level and these projects bring our state even closer to reducing our greenhouse gas emissions 25% by 2020."

In order to qualify for funding, each county or local government must enact a set of policies, prescribed by MEA, in two of the three specified areas, namely, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and alternative fuels. Once the government has adopted the policies, the municipality will receive grant funding. The funding will be used for municipal projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including, for example, weather sealing, purchase and installation of ENERGY STAR appliances, motor and pumping system upgrades, geothermal installations and on-board and off-board idle reduction technology.

"Our Smart Energy Communities grant is very valuable to the city of Baltimore's energy future," said Theodore Atwood, Director of the City of Baltimore's Energy Office. "MEA's grant funding provides a catalyst in order for the City to invest in new energy efficiency and renewable applications that otherwise may not be possible."

Funding awards ranged from \$625,000 to \$37,500. A number of communities also received supplemental EmPOWER Clean Energy Communities Low-to Moderate Income competitive grant funding. For more information, please see the list of Maryland municipalities that received Smart Energy Communities Program funding that follows this release or visit <http://energy.maryland.gov/Govt/SmartEnergyCommunities>.

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The Maryland Energy Administration's (MEA) mission is to assist Maryland citizens and businesses to save money through smart investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy and conservation. A Maryland state agency, MEA fuels the creation of green jobs by providing funds and resources to expand the use and availability of clean, safe energy in Maryland.

Municipality	Base Grant Amount	LMI Grant Amount
Anne Arundel County	\$379,785	\$60,000
Baltimore City	\$431,851	\$60,000
Bladensburg	\$51,755	\$35,000
Boonsboro	\$37,500	
Capitol Heights	\$37,500	\$35,000
College Park	\$70,361	
Cottage City	\$37,500	\$35,000
Denton	\$37,500	
Edmonston	\$37,500	
Emmitsburg	\$37,500	
Forest Heights	\$37,500	\$35,000
Frederick County	\$189,616	\$60,000
Garrett County	\$75,000	
Glenarden	\$49,000	\$35,000
Greenbelt	\$63,935	
Harford County	\$196,766	\$60,000
Highland Beach	\$37,500	
Howard County	\$223,179	\$60,000
Hyattsville	\$59,113	\$0
Landover Hills	\$37,500	
Manchester	\$37,500	
Montgomery County	\$625,000	
Mount Rainier	\$50,820	
Prince George's County	\$583,388	\$60,000
Princess Anne	\$37,500	\$35,000
Rock Hall	\$37,500	
Rockville	\$97,308	
Seat Pleasant	\$37,500	\$35,000
Somerset County	\$75,000	\$60,000
Takoma Park	\$58,376	
Talbot County	\$75,000	
Taneytown	\$49,638	
Thurmont	\$49,149	
University Park	\$37,500	
Westminster	\$60,016	